



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6814***

LCO No. 4768



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CODING  
SYSTEM FOR THE DESIGNATION OF RECYCLABLE AND  
COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) In accordance with the  
2       Federal Trade Commission's Guides for the Use of Environmental  
3       Marketing Claims, not later than October 1, 2024, the Commissioner of  
4       Energy and Environmental Protection shall establish a standardized  
5       coding system for every: (1) Item of plastic packaging, (2) plastic bag, (3)  
6       container-lined package, and (4) plastic coated packaging product that  
7       is manufactured in the state. Such system shall require each such  
8       manufacturer to use clear symbols for such products and packaging,  
9       including the use of a green "R" for recyclable, a green "C" for  
10      compostable and an interdictory circle for packaging that can neither be  
11      recycled or composted.

12      (b) The commissioner, in conjunction with the Recycle CT  
13      Foundation, shall establish a grant program to enable such  
14      manufacturers to transition to nonplastic packaging alternatives that are

15 recyclable or compostable. Notwithstanding the provisions of section  
 16 22a-228a of the general statutes and any other provision of the general  
 17 statutes, such grant program may utilize any funds available to the  
 18 commissioner or said foundation for the provision of grants to any state  
 19 agency, quasi-public agency, municipality, regional council of  
 20 governments, nonprofit organization or private entity for the increase  
 21 of recycling in the state or the management and reduction of the state's  
 22 solid waste stream.

23 (c) The commissioner, in conjunction with the Recycle CT  
 24 Foundation, shall establish a public information and education program  
 25 to increase public awareness of nonplastic packaging alternatives that  
 26 are recyclable or compostable. Such program shall include, but need not  
 27 be limited to, information directed at the ready recognition of the coding  
 28 system described in subsection (a) of this section and any other reusable  
 29 packaging or container by members of the public.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To facilitate consumer decisions concerning the recyclability and compostable nature of consumer packaging and encourage the use and consumption of nonplastic packaging alternatives.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*